



Village of Addison

MINUTES ADVISORY LIQUOR COMMISSION TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

Addison Village Hall
Room 2002
One Friendship Plaza
Addison, IL 60101

Liquor Commissioner Rich Veenstra

Commission Members present:
Rick Delawder
Tony Amato
Carol Cesario
Mike Hartnett

1. **Call to order, roll call**

The August 2, 2022 Advisory Liquor Commission meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Delawder. Also in attendance were: Commission Members Tony Amato, Carol Cesario and Mike Hartnett; Liquor Commissioner Rich Veenstra; Village Manager Joe Maranowicz, Police Director Bill Hayden, Detective Commander Jose Gonzalez; Attorney David Freeman and Attorney Patrick Miner; and staff members Alyssa Cornelius and Mary Heneghan.

Representing Sofel DM LLC d/b/a Sabor de mi Tierra Mexican Grill were Pedro Diaz, Leopoldo Dorado, Sofia Munoz, and Felipe Diaz.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the July 5, 2022 meeting**

Commission Member Amato made a motion to recommend acceptance, seconded by Commission Member Cesario. Motion approved unanimously.

3. **Liquor License Application Public Hearing for Sofel DM LLC d/b/a Sabor de mi Tierra Mexican Grill located at 340 W. Lake Street, Class "D"**

Mary Heneghan swore in the applicants. Mr. Pedro Diaz stated that he currently owns a family-operated restaurant in Stone Park with his parents. His Stone Park location has doubled in size recently, and he has many five star reviews on Yelp. Because of this success, he is looking to open a second location here in Addison. His mother does most of the cooking, utilizing her own recipes from Mexico City, including hand-made tortillas.

Mr. Diaz continued that he plans on keeping the majority of the employees that currently work at Amada's, which will be closing on August 15th. His location in Stone Park has a liquor license, and he is aware of the requirements and responsibilities of having a liquor license. He plans on being open until 9pm during the week, and 10pm on weekends; they will be closed on Monday's. He will keep the same menu as the Stone Park location, possibly reducing it somewhat; the staff will be trained on explaining and recommending items from the menu. They will have both table and bar service, and they do not foresee having a bartender. They want to be a family-oriented

establishment. Mr. Diaz hopes to be open in early September, as they are just doing some minor cosmetic work on the inside.

Detective Commander Gonzalez stressed that the Police Department has established good working relationships with the liquor establishments here in town, and he encouraged Mr. Diaz to contact the Police Department any time assistance may be needed. He also explained that the Police Department will conduct compliance checks during the year to check for underage consumption.

Director Hayden stated that there were no issues with the background checks.

Village Manager Maranowicz questioned their “bottomless mimosa” drink option, and Mr. Diaz responded that the servers are trained on ensuring that no one is overserved. Also, Mr. Diaz stated that they do not allow for “free-pouring” of alcohol when drinks are being prepared – everything needs to be measured.

Commission Member Hartnett made a motion to recommend approval of this liquor license application, seconded by Commission Member Cesario. The motion was approved unanimously. The next steps of the process were reviewed with the applicant.

4. **Police Reports**

None

5. **Old Business**

None

6. **New Business**

None

7. **Other Business at the discretion of the Chairman**

None

8. **Executive Session if needed**

Not needed

9. **Audience Participation**

None

10. Adjournment

Commission Member Amato made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:20pm, seconded by Commission Member Cesario.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Heneghan

